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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal		Application Number	10/028,172
Address to: M/S RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Filing Date	December 21, 2001
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other Consider the arguments in the Response to Final Office Action previously filed on October 15, 2004.

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply ii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Fee Transmittal (1 page + duplicate for fee processing) Petition for Extension of Time (1 page); Return receipt postcard

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) _____

iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2036 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Signature	<u>Karen R. Zachow</u>		Date December 15, 2004
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